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Week in Review

Trump takes office

- President Donald Trump did not mention energy policy specifics in his inaugural speech, but soon after he took office, the new administration's website detailed plans to undo the Obama administration's environmental regulations.

Trump nominees testify, stake out similar positions on climate change

- Former Texas Gov. Rick Perry (R), tapped to lead the Department of Energy, said he regrets his 2012 presidential campaign promise to eliminate the agency. He also disavowed a Trump transition team questionnaire that requested the names of DOE employees who attended climate change conferences.
- Oklahoma Attorney General Scott Pruitt downplayed his ties to fossil-fuel companies during his Senate confirmation hearing to lead the Environmental Protection Agency.
- Rep. Ryan Zinke (R-Mont.), Trump's pick to lead the Department of the Interior, said he is "absolutely against the transfer or sale of public lands," but also said he would review Obama administration environmental regulations.
- Perry, Pruitt, Zinke and Secretary of State designee Rex Tillerson all staked out the same position on global warming: climate change is taking place, but the effect of human activity is unclear.
- Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.), one of few congressional Republicans who supports action on climate change, said he will vote to confirm Pruitt.

Climate hawks prepare for Trump presidency

- The Obama administration pledged 10 million to the United Nations' Green Climate Fund to address climate change.
- If Trump pulls the U.S. out of the Paris climate agreement, Phoenix Mayor Greg Stanton said that "within one week, American mayors will physically get together and sign a climate agreement on behalf of the people that we represent."
- British climate scientists sent Prime Minister Theresa May a letter asking her to persuade Trump to support climate research.

Permian Basin gets more attention

- ExxonMobil Corp. agreed to a deal as much as \$6.6 billion to buy companies with drilling rights in 10 million acres in Texas and New Mexico.
- Permian Basin oil production could reach 53,000 barrels a day by February, the Energy Department says.

Russian optimism in Davos

- Russian executives were more optimistic at this year's World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, than they were at last year's forum, as oil prices rise and Trump signals he may end to sanctions.

What's Ahead

- Trump has said he'll start the process of undoing Obama administration executive actions immediately from his White House office.
- On Monday, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee will vote on Rex Tillerson's confirmation as secretary of state at 4:30 p.m.
- On Monday, the House will vote on a bill of the Energy and Commerce Committee, including bills on energy changes, advanced nuclear technologies, and energy-efficiency standards for security systems.
- The House Energy and Commerce Committee will meet Tuesday to name subcommittee leaders and report on the committee's work.

Events Calendar (All Times Local)

Monday

Tuesday	<u>Columbia University discussion on Trump energy policy</u>	5:30 p.m.
	<u>Smart Cities International Symposium and Exhibition in Chicago</u>	8:15 a.m.
	<u>Carnegie Endowment for International Peace discussion on Mexico energy policy</u>	11 a.m.
	<u>House Energy and Commerce Committee organizational meeting</u>	11:30 a.m.
Wednesday		
	<u>Smart Cities International Symposium and Exhibition in Chicago</u>	8:15 a.m.
	<u>USAEE annual dinner with congressional members Jaffe</u>	6 p.m.
Thursday		
	<u>AEI discussion on carbon tax</u>	9 a.m.
	<u>Atlantic Council discussion on energy and diplomacy</u>	9 a.m.
Friday		
	<u>CSIS presents IEA's Global Energy Review</u>	10 a.m.

Morning Consult Energy Top Reads

- 1) 'Learning Curve' as Rick Perry Pursues a Job He Initially Misunderstood
Coral Davenport and David E. Sanger, The New York Times
- 2) Trump's EPA Pick Raised A Lot Of Money For Candidates That Never Reached Them
Alexander C. Kaufman, The Huffington Post

- 3) [Trump's Interior pick: Climate change is not a hoax](#)
John Siciliano, Washington Examiner
- 4) [Don Blankenship must serve 18-month sentence after federal appeals court ruling](#)
Brad McElhinny, WV MetroNews
- 5) [Energy Department Sec. Nominee Neri: 'I Regret' Calls to Nix Agency](#)
Emma Margolin, NBC News
- 6) [Electricity now flows across country courtesy of direct current](#)
The Economist
- 7) [Obama Administration Sending \\$5.4 Billion to Global Climate Change Fund](#)
Amy Harder, The Wall Street Journal
- 8) [No Hoax: 2016 Was the Hottest Year on Record](#)
Tom Randall and Blacki Migliozi, The Washington Post
- 9) [Pruitt Downplays Fossil-Fuel Industry as Other Nominees on Climate Panel](#)
Jack Fitzpatrick, Morning Consult
- 10) [China's war on coal continues as country just canceled 104 new coal plants](#)
Brad Plumer, Vox

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